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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: [redacted]
SA/DDA

SUBJECT: MKULTRA Notification Program - Progress Report

1. This memorandum is intended to let you know what I am doing and what I propose to do.

2. a. Summaries of the 149 MKULTRA projects prepared by OTS and the IG [redacted] and the categorization of those projects prepared by the Office of the General Counsel have been reviewed.

b. Files on all projects where there is any suggestion of human testing have been reviewed in detail and a separate summary sheet prepared for each suggesting what action needs to be taken.

c. Seven Memorandums for the Record have been prepared and sent to OGC and OMS for concurrence covering 12 of the more straightforward projects. If OGC and OMS concur, these projects are closed out.

d. Draft letters have been prepared to the University of Oklahoma, the Michigan Department of Mental Health, and Dr. Harold A. Abramson. These drafts have been sent to OGC for review and contribution of some language to cover the legal niceties of the Privacy Act and whatever other statutes may apply. Probably we will hold external correspondence until it is all completed so everything will hit the fan at once.

e. Components of the Agency have been asked to report on the status of their record reviews and give an expression of their confidence that there are no more drug related programs.

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Responses have been received from all but NFAC and DDS&T. Responses received are favorable; the office of Security and DDO have a few more records to look at and have promised follow-up reports in a few weeks.

f. A composite list of drugs used in MKULTRA projects has been compiled and OSI has been requested to check them against their computer file to produce a printout that will describe pharmacological characteristics of those found. When we receive this report in the next several days we will know what help we may require from outside sources, HEW presumably, for evaluation of long term effects.

g. Names of individual researchers identified in the MKULTRA files have been listed by project. DDO has been requested to make available for review any 201 files they may find on these people and the Office of Security has been asked to run name checks and give us file summaries. These searches are not complete but the responses so far are informative and encouraging - none of them suggest any different areas of concern.

h. Names of principal private researchers have been searched through Who's Who in America and similar library sources. Those most deeply involved represent an impressive array of resources.

i. One current employee who was a volunteer, witting subject of an experiment conducted in the New York safehouse by Agency staff employees has been interviewed.

j. [redacted] OTS, is working with me virtually full time.

k. 23 MKULTRA projects await action. They fall into seven groups according to institution or investigator. I am proceeding with the review of those groups and preparation of appropriate correspondence.

l. We will soon start writing or calling former employees to request interviews to test their recollections.

3. Until we had our session with the General Counsel last Thursday, I felt reasonably satisfied with our methodology and the progress we are making. We are not waiting idly for him to redefine and expand the problem beyond drug experimentation. Regardless of how that comes out, we still will have to do what we are doing with MKULTRA. I am sure you find this fascinating and wait with baited breath for chapter 2.

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